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ITEMS FOR

DEPUTIES' MEETING

*** 13 July 1955 ***

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25X1C4C [] telephoned on Monday, 11 July, about the necessity of doing something immediately on the extension of the pouch service. I told him that General Cabell or Mr. Dulles would have to decide this matter but in view of the fact that General Cabell would not be back for several days I would ask Mr. Dulles to grant a ten-day extension. of

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Messrs. Garrison [] and I met with Pete Strobel, Fred Poorman, and Len Hunter of the Public Buildings Service on Monday, 11 July, to discuss architectural services. After a good half hour of talking about inconsequential matters. Strobel finally got to the point of the meeting by saying that now that we were in a position to select an architect the Public Buildings Service considered that this would be their prerogative. This led to a long and very frank discussion during which I told Pete that I disagreed very strongly with him, that we did not consider this to be a PBS prerogative, and that we expected to participate fully in the selection of an architect, as well as on other aspects of this building. I emphasized to him that Mr. Dulles had given the Congress his personal assurances of certain things that would and would not be done and that I did not see how he could turn over the responsibility for this building to the PBS. Strobel and company backed down and it was agreed that they would now prepare a list of architects for our consideration. (Len Hunter called the next day in an effort to clear the air on this subject.)

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